

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development

5-705.

(a) The Department shall:

(1) Manage, supervise, and administer the Program; and

(2) Coordinate the Program with federal, State, or private programs that complement or facilitate carrying out the Program.

(b) (1) The purpose of the Program is to make grants to local jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations for use by museums for:

(i) Research related to collections, exhibits or other educational activities;

(ii) The care, conservation, interpretation, and documentation of collections;

(iii) The planning, design, and construction of exhibits;

(iv) Educational programs and projects;

(v) The development of master plans for museums, including activities required to achieve accreditation by the American Association of Museums or other pertinent entity that provides museum accreditation;

(vi) The construction of minor structural modifications to existing museum facilities; or

(vii) The development of plans and specifications and the provision of architectural, engineering, or other special services directly related to the construction or rehabilitation of museum facilities.

(2) Grants may not be made:

(i) For routine administrative overhead expenses;

(ii) [To] FOR museums that [qualify for] CONCURRENTLY RECEIVE operating support from the Maryland State Arts Council; or

(iii) [To] FOR museums operated, in whole or in part, by the State.

(3) In any fiscal year, the Secretary may allocate up to 20 percent of the total moneys appropriated for the Program to be held in reserve for unanticipated projects that are eligible for assistance in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(4) The Department shall make grants [to] FOR museums giving due consideration to equal geographic distribution throughout the State.